

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW LAC-COCCID (GENUS
TACHARDIA) FROM NEW SOUTH WALES.

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TACHARDIA *ANGULATA*, n.sp.

Adult ♀. Height, 4 mm.; diameter at base, 4 mm.

General colour bright red, apex shining, anal appendages and lac- or air-tubes tipped with black. Cephalic portion flattened, resting against the bark of the stem of the food-plant, irregularly wrinkled, with the mouth in the centre, lobed on either side. Anal tube projecting, fringed with a tuft of fine bristle-like hairs, with a fine spine standing out above the anal tube. Lac- or air-tubes longer and more slender than the anal tube, situated on either side, and projecting well beyond the lobed margin. General form cone-shaped, rounded at the apex.

Wax-test enclosing ♀ dark red to black in colour, broad and rounded at the base, coming to a blunt point at the apex, when viewed from above it is seen to be fluted, with four distinct ridges meeting at the summit. Outer surface smooth, with fine white filaments curling out through tiny apertures in the walls of the test. In general appearance resembling a large blunt rose-thorn; sometimes solitary, at other times in groups of three or four, in contact at the base. Height of test $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch; diameter at base $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inch.

Hab.—Eden, N. S. Wales, Reah River (Mr. G. J. Darke); on quince trees : Milton, N. S. Wales, also on quince trees.